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Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2004 for three(3)months from April 23, 2005 to June 23, 2005.

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